



WRAC Recreation Issues Workshop

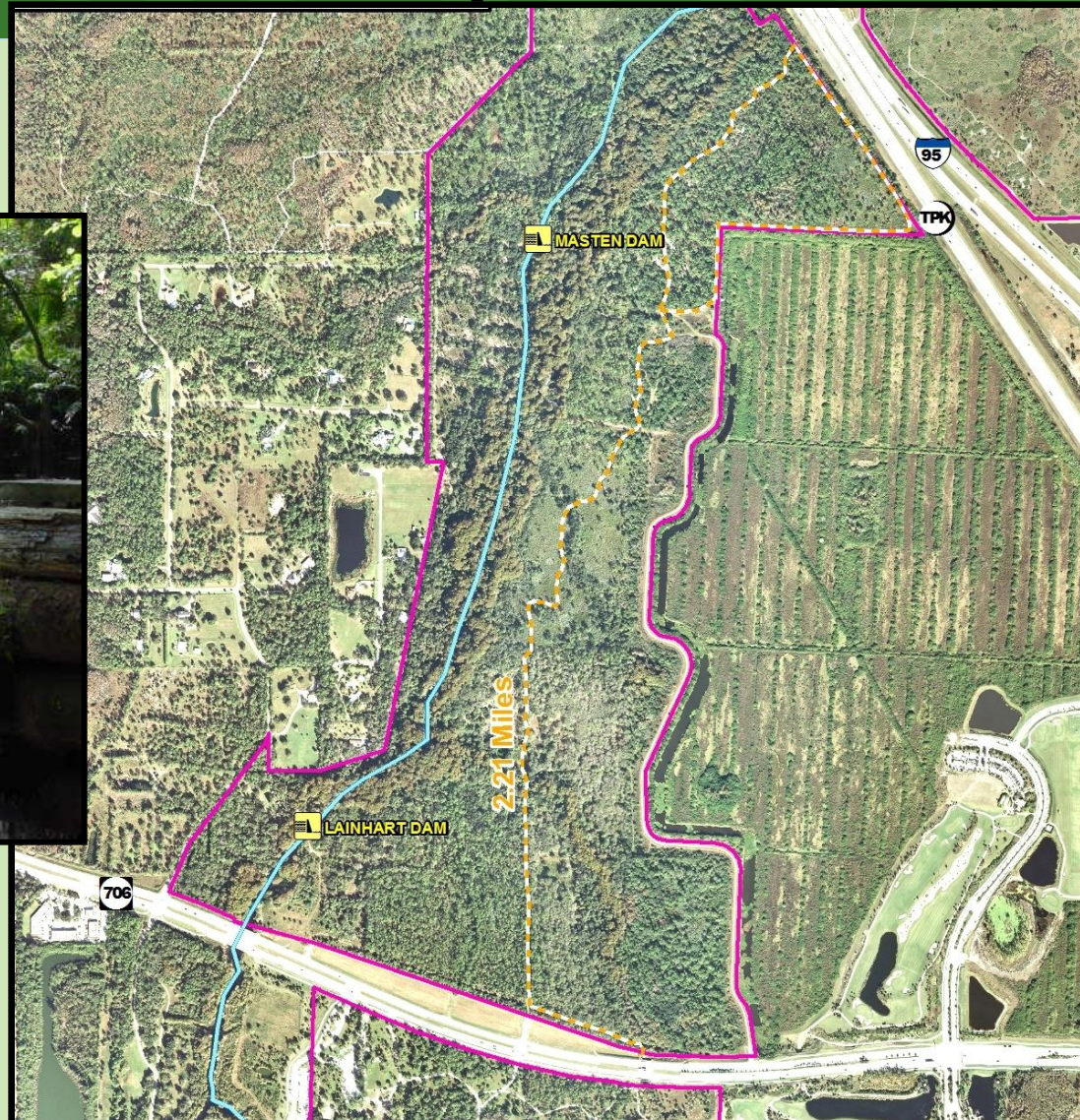
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Loxahatchee River Lainhart & Masten Dam Repairs



National Wild and Scenic River



Loxahatchee River Lainhart & Masten Dam Repairs

Current Issues:

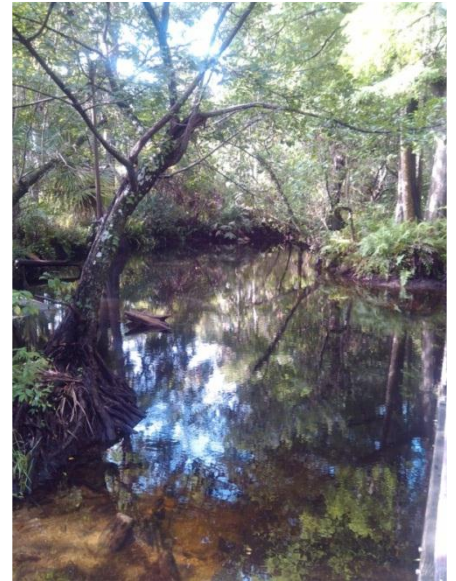
- Control seepage / erosion
- Short-circuiting
- Cypress logs worn and sheet pile visible
- Portage/Accessibility



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Guiding Principles:

- **Maintain character of Wild and Scenic River**
- **Minimize Environmental Impacts**
 - Preserve floodplain functions
 - Protect vegetative communities
 - Minimize construction impacts
- **Control Erosion**
- **Improve Public Access**



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Benefits to Public Access

- Enlarge portage area
- Reduce portage slopes
- Widen ramps
- Address anchoring system for cypress logs
- Add multi-stage weir at Masten to allow crossings over greater range of stages



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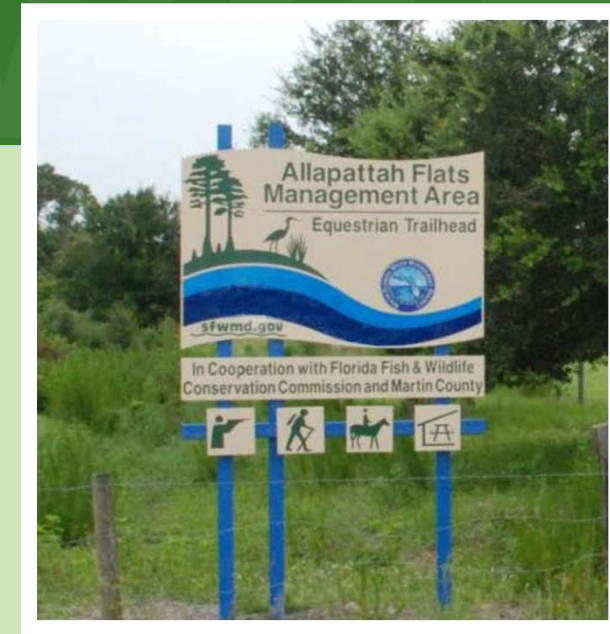
Schedule:

- Staff to continue work closely with the Loxahatchee River Management Coordinating Council.
- Design / Permitting - Preliminary design under review, final design anticipated to be complete in Jan 2015.
- Construction
 - Dry season construction constraint.
 - Completion 2015 or 2016 based on construction schedule.



Allapattah

- 21,000 acres of conservation lands located in Martin County.
- Wildlife Management Area managed in cooperation with Martin County and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- Nature-based recreation opportunities including hiking, hunting, horseback riding, camping and biking.

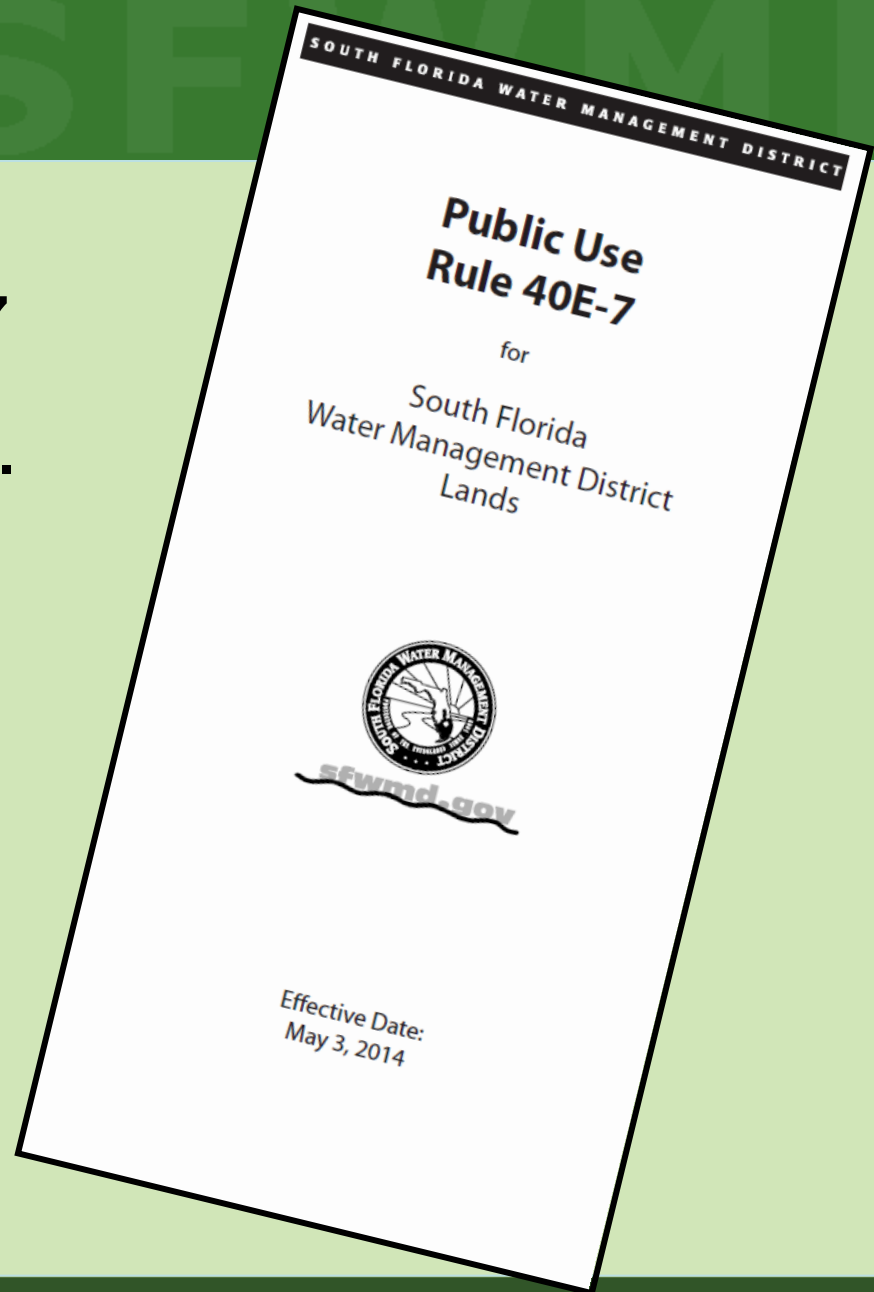


Allapattah General Management Plan Update Schedule

- **10-year Update to Management Plan**
 - Plan describes character of property and sets broad goals and objectives for the management of the property.
 - Public Workshop tentatively scheduled for October 6th.
 - E-mail notification to workshop members will be sent out.
 - Draft Plan will be posted on SFWMD website for review.
 - Plan will go to Martin County Commission and SFWMD Governing Board for final approval.

Public Use Rule

- **Public Use Rule 40E-7
brochures available.**



Questions

